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SUBJECT: US/USSR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGREEMENT,
PROJECT V-2.1, PROTECTION OF NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS, 02.05-21.

REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED JULY 20 FROM
DR. RONALD O. SKOOG, INTERIOR TO DR. YURI KAZAKOV, HYDROMET
WITH COPY TO DR. A. KULAKOV, USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, AND
TO DR. V. DENISOV, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE USSR.

REF: SCRIBINE-KAZAKOV TELECON JULY 20, 1976,
SCRIBINE-CHERCHEKNO TELECON JULY 20, 1976.

1. DEAR DR. KAZAKOV: THREE U.S. DELEGATIONS WILL ARRIVE
SHORTLY IN THE SOVIET UNION TO TAKE PART IN ACTIVITIES
OUTLINED BELOW IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF THE
FOURTH JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING UNDER PROJECT 02.05-
21.

A. ACTIVITY A-3 (05.05-210103) WILDLIFE DISEASES: TWO
U.S. SCIENTISTS - DR. ROBERT RAUSCH AND VIRGINIA RAUSCH
WILL ARRIVE IN Khabarovsk AT 11:40 ON FRIDAY, 30 JULY,
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VIA AEROFLOT FLIGHT NUMBER 696 FROM JAPAN.

B. ACTIVITY A-1 (02.05-210101) ECOSYSTEM PRODUCTIVITY AND FUNCTION. VISA CLEARANCE FOR THE VISIT OF DR. HOFFMAN AND DR. NADLER AND FAMILY WAS REQUESTED BY THE U.S. SIDE FOR 29 JULY - 3 SEPTEMBER. THE SOVIET CONSULATE IN WASHINGTON HAD ONLY RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FOR 1 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER. TICKETING FOR HOFFMAN AND THE NADLERS HAD BEEN MADE WELL IN ADVANCE SO THAT LESS EXPENSIVE AIR RATES COULD BE OBTAINED. ANY CHANGE MADE IN THESE RESERVATIONS WOULD REQUIRE PAYMENT OF REGULAR AIR FARE WHICH MEANS AN ADDITION OF 800 DOLLARS. PRESENTLY, HOFFMAN AND THE NADLERS HOLD RESERVATIONS ON PAN AM FLIGHT NUMBER 44 WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW FROM NEW YORK CITY ON 31 JULY 1976 AT 12:05. IN A CHERCHENKO-SCRIABINE TELECON 20 JULY, CHERCHENKO INDICATED THAT CONFIRMATION FOR THE DATES INITIALLY REQUESTED 29 JULY - 3 SEPTEMBER HAD BEEN FORWARDED. IN YOUR TELECON WITH MS. SCRIABINE 20 JULY, YOU STATED THAT THOSE DATES HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE SOVIET SIDE. ON THIS BASIS, DR. KRUGLOV OF THE SOVIET CONSULATE, WASHINGTON, REQUESTED A LETTER FROM MS. SCRIABINE CONFIRMING ACCEPTANCE OF DATES BY SOVIET SIDE FOR VISA ISSUANCE 29 JULY - 3 SEPTEMBER AS INITIALLY REQUESTED. DR. HOFFMAN AND DR. NADLER AND FAMILY WILL ARRIVE ON 31 JULY ON THE FLIGHT LISTED ABOVE.

IN ADDITION, DRS. HOFFMAN AND NADLER HAD HOPED TO VISIT WITH DR. V. E. SOKOLOV, USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ON SUNDAY 1 AUGUST. THEY HAD ALSO HOPED TO VISIT WITH DR. SUKERNIK OF THE INSTITUTE OF CYTOLOGY AND GENETICS IN NOVOSIBIRSK DURING THEIR TRIP TO THE USSR. IN YOUR TELECON WITH MS. SCRIABINE, 20 JULY, YOU INDICATED THAT DR. SUKERNIK WAS NOT PRESENTLY AT THE INSTITUTE. CONSEQUENTLY, THE QUESTION OF THE NOVOSIBIRSK TRIP AND THE ISSUANCE OF A VISA FOR NOSOVOSIBRK WOULD BE RESOLVED ONCE HOFFMAN AND NADLER REACH MOSCOW.

C. ACTIVITY A-1 (02.05-210101) WATERSHED STUDIES, CHARLES W. SLAUGHTER WILL ARRIVE IN Khabarovsk AT 07:10 ON THURSDAY 5 AUGUST 1976 VIA JAPAN AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER 993 FROM JAPAN. AS DISCUSSED WITH YOU EARLIER, UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SECOND U.S. SCIENTIST--MICHAEL A. BILELLO--WILL BE IN LENINGRAD FOR THE GEOGRAPHICAL CONGRESS, AND HE WILL NEED TO HAVE HIS VISA EXTENDED IN MOSCOW IN ORDER TO ACCOMPANY SLAUGHTER TO MAGADAN AND TO THE KOLYMA HYDRO-

TON, D.C., WAS UNABLE TO ISSUE ANOTHER VISA TO COVER THIS VISIT TO MAGADAN. THE SOVIET CONSULATE HERE NEEDS CLEARANCE TO ISSUE SLAUGHTER'S VISA FOR 5-19 AUGUST

PERIOD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. I PRESUME THAT SOVIET SIDE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET THESE THREE DELEGATIONS AND WILL PROVIDE FOR INTERPRETERS. U.S. SIDE WILL PAY FOR LODGING, SUBSISTENCE, AND COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION.

3. THE VISIT OF DR. KONTRIMAVICHUS AND HIS WIFE IN ALASKA IS PROCEEDING WELL. NECESSARY CANADIAN VISAS WERE OBTAINED FOR THEIR VISIT TO CANADA NEXT WEEK.
SINCERELY YOURS, DR. R. O. SKOOG. ROBINSON

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